

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Carl Koerner, Jr., who passed away
5 on January 20, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Carl Koerner was born on December 10, 1926 in
7 East St. Louis, Illinois; his parents were Carl P. and Ann
8 Koerner; Mr. Koerner served as a military policeman in the
9 United States Army during World War II; in 1961 Mr. Koerner
10 and his family moved to Effingham, beginning his community
11 service to the town; and

12 WHEREAS, Carl Koerner was the chairman and founder of
13 Koerner Distributor Inc. of Effingham, Carterville, Centralia
14 and New Baden; he was also the owner and director of K & M
15 Floral Shoppe Inc. and Effingham Marina Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, For almost 40 years, Carl P. Koerner, Jr.
17 dedicated himself to improving the quality of life in the
18 Effingham area through his participation in civic
19 organizations, including being a member of the St. Anthony's
20 Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and chairperson of the
21 St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Foundation; a member of the
22 St. Anthony Home and School Association, St. Anthony Booster
23 Club, Effingham Knights of Columbus, Effingham Country Club,
24 Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry Industrial
25 Affairs Committee, St. Anthony's Hospital Planning
26 Commission, St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Advisory Council,
27 Effingham County Youth Commission, and Effingham Unit 40
28 Board Referendum Committee; past president and a member of
29 the Eastern Illinois University Panther Club; a member of the
30 Eastern Illinois University Executive Council and
31 President's Club; a member of Eastern Illinois University's
32 Board of Trustees and chairman; and a member of the Effingham

1 Catholic Charities Board of Directors, the Effingham Kiwanis
2 Club, the Effingham Jaycees, and every St. Anthony schools'
3 ad hoc committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner has received numerous awards for his
5 community service, including the posthumous Effingham Daily
6 News 2001 Citizen of the Year award, the 1996 ARC Community
7 Support Systems Family of the Year, the 1987 St. Anthony
8 Booster Club Recognition Award, membership in the Eastern
9 Illinois University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985, the
10 Eastern Illinois University Panther Club Most Valuable Player
11 in Fundraising Efforts, the Eastern Illinois University 1984
12 Glen Hesler Award, and recognition for past contributions at
13 the 2000 Catholic Charities Dinner; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner received many work-related awards,
15 including the Rotary Club Vocational Excellence Award, the
16 Seagram Tribute to Achievement Award, the Greater Effingham
17 Chamber of Commerce & Industry EXCEL Award, the Business and
18 Ethics and Social Improvement Award from Eastern Illinois
19 University Lumpkin College of Business, the Stroh Brewery
20 Proud Lion Award of Excellence, the Hiram Walker & Sons
21 President's Award, and the W.A. Taylor Drambule Award of
22 Merit; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner was a supporter of Catholic
24 Charities, St. Anthony schools, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic
25 Church, Unit 40 schools, Eastern Illinois University, St.
26 Anthony's Memorial Hospital, Effingham school sports, and
27 many other community projects; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Koerner was considered a liaison between the
29 City of Effingham and Springfield government; his friendships
30 and connections with State leadership often helped open up
31 discussions for projects like the Raney Street overpass and
32 extension that benefitted the Effingham area; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Carl P. Koerner, Jr. will be
2 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
3 wife, Carolyn; his sons, Phil (wife, Carla) and Paul (wife,
4 Kay); his daughter, Lynn Radford; his sister, Rita (husband,
5 John) Baird; his nine grandchildren; and the many people in
6 the City of Effingham whose lives were touched by his
7 generosity; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Carl P.
11 Koerner, Jr. of Effingham, Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Carl P. Koerner, Jr. with our
14 sincere condolences.